

REMARKS

Claims 24-39 and 42-44 remain pending in the application including independent claims 24, 30, 31, 33 and 36. Claims 1-23 were previously cancelled. Claim 41 is cancelled by the present amendment. Claim 34 was withdrawn as being drawn to a non-elected species.

There were two occurrences of claim 42. The second claim 42 has been renumbered as claim 43.

Claims 24-33 and 35-44 were appealed. In the Examiner's Answer, the examiner withdrew the rejections for claims 38 and 41-44 and indicated that these claims were allowable. In the recently issued Board Decision, the Board upheld the rejection of claims 24-29, 32 and 35. The Board reversed the rejection of claims 30-31, 33, 36-37, and 39-40.

Claims 30, 31, and 33 have been rewritten in independent form. Claim 41 has been incorporated into claim 24. Claim 24 is a generic claim. As claim 34 depends from a generic claim, applicant respectfully requests that the species restriction be withdrawn.

Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are now in condition for allowance and requests and indication of such. Fees in the amount of \$440.00 for two additional independent claims may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds.

Respectfully submitted,

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